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21 May 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE:

You will recall that a CIG plan for coordinated collection of biographic data was issued as of 1 November 1946 and that a broader plan for coordination of all collection activities in all fields was issued in the name of the NIA as of 2 January 1947.

Both plans provide for coordinators at foreign posts to coordinate the activities of State, War, and Navy personnel attached thereto. In approving both plans, the War and Navy Departments emphasized the fact that field coordination by ambassadors or ministers would be in their capacity of representatives of the President and not as agents of the State Department and that related communications to these chiefs of mission would be issued through the State Department solely because that was the channel established by the President.

In the opinion of CIG it is desirable that brief visits be made to nearby posts by members of the Interdepartmental Coordinating and Planning Staff of CIG to survey the impact which the implementation of these two plans has had on the operations of State, War, and Navy personnel at the posts and the reactions of the ambassadors to the coordinating efforts of the Director of Central Intelligence in the collection field.

These surveys are desirable at this time because CIG personnel are now available and will not be later and because it will be helpful to the Director of Central Intelligence in preparing subsequent "Implementations" to learn through CIG channels of any difficulties which may have been or are being encountered in the initial stages.

The desired schedule is:

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It is requested that an appropriate officer of the State Department be designated as the contact point to facilitate the prompt arrangement of the necessary administrative details.

/s/ R. H. HILLENKOETTER
Rear Admiral, USN
Director of Central Intelligence

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SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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Dear Admiral Hillenkoetter:

June 3, 1947

With reference to your memorandum of May 21st to the Secretary, the Department is willing to accede to your request because of the pressing personnel situation which you describe and on the basis of the understanding set forth herein.

During the discussions leading to the formulation of the NIA collection directive, it was the position of the Department and, I believe, of the War and Navy Departments as well, that the administration of the collection personnel must of necessity remain a function of the Departments which they serve, while the coordination of field collection on behalf of the NIA would be assigned to the Ambassador or Minister at each post because of his seniority as the representative of the President. It was agreed by all that the field representatives of each Department, namely the Foreign Service and the military and naval attaches, must continue to report to and receive instructions solely from their own Departments. Accordingly, the Department believes that the determination of the effectiveness of the execution of the collection directive, and such questions as added work load, if any, and the decrease or increase in the duplication of work among the departmental representatives, for example, are matters for each Department to assess and report upon, with such reports passed to the Central Intelligence Group in Washington. In his capacity as Chief of Mission and as the personal representative of the President, the Ambassador or Minister normally communicates with other agencies of the Government through the Department of State.

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Rear Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter
Director of Central Intelligence
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The Department has already received one or two reports from Chiefs of Mission reporting progress on the many instructions transmitted to them regarding their duties as coordinators of intelligence activities at their posts. We shall see that these and subsequent reports are collected and transmitted promptly to the Central Intelligence Group.

There would seem to be serious danger that the foregoing principles would be abrogated if, over a period of time, a practice were made of Central Intelligence Group personnel visiting Foreign Service posts for the purpose of supervising the details of any of their operations. However, it is recognized that some advantage to future planning might accrue from an examination of the problems which may have arisen initially out of the collection directives. Therefore, because of the fact that the personnel is now available and will not later be available, and on the understanding that this does not constitute a precedent, the Department is agreeable to such surveys as you have requested being made at this time.

Mr. Louis Mundy, Division of Foreign Activity Correlation, Room 304, 515 22nd Street, is hereby designated as the point of contact with the Central Intelligence Group to facilitate the arrangement of the necessary administrative details in connection with the proposed trips.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

/s/ WILLIAM A. EDDY

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